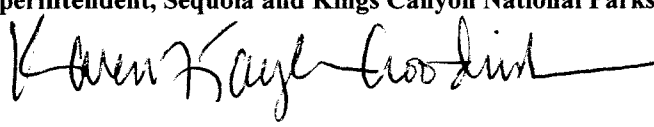


## **Determination to Change Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks Regulations**

Consistent with applicable legislation and Federal administrative policies, and based upon a determination that such action is necessary for the maintenance of public health and safety, protection of environmental or scenic values, protection of natural or cultural resources, aid to scientific research, implementation of management responsibilities, equitable allocation and use of facilities, or the avoidance of conflict among visitor use activities, the Superintendent makes the following changes to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks Regulations.

<b>1. Regulation change:</b>  The Upper Funston Meadow (86-2) is closed to grazing.	
<b>2. Previous regulation(s) affected by this change:</b>  Grazing was permitted during the 2011 season as noted in the 2011 Stock Users Guide, limited to 20 stock, two nights. The meadow was scheduled for closure upon the blooming of the velvet grass to prevent its' spread.	
<b>3. Date of this Regulation Change:</b>  August 12, 2011	
<b>4. Reasons for change:</b>  Grazing capacity at this elevation and moisture class ranges from 10 nights (in poor condition) to 79 nights (in excellent condition). As of August 10, 2011, there have been 132 nights recorded. An evaluation of the meadow indicates the grazing has exceeded the capacity for this meadow, and it needs to be rested.	
<b>5. Effective Date(s):</b>  The closure is temporary in nature effective August 12, 2011 – December 31, 2011.	
<b>6. Authority for adoption:</b> Code of Federal Regulations, 36 CFR, Part 1.5	
<b>Superintendent, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks</b> 	<b>Date:</b> 8/12/11